



Image showing local people in Kenya displaced by floods in April 2024 (Chinadaily, 2024)

Whose Early Warning System (EWS) matters at the community level?

Vision

- Contextualise top-down anticipatory action (AA) to meet the needs of recipients in East African communities.
- Improve the coordination and collaboration between the AA and LLAA approaches.
- Integrate local knowledge i.e., indicators, preparations and practices into AA initiatives.

Approach

- The study uses a **Qualitative Descriptive** approach to investigate its research questions in Marsabit, Kenya.
- Disaggregated Demographic data** will be gathered using KII, FDG, and narrative interviews.
- A **Phenomenological, Narrative analysis** alongside a **Listening Relational-Centred approach** is used which prioritises the inclusion of the **Missing Person's Voice**.

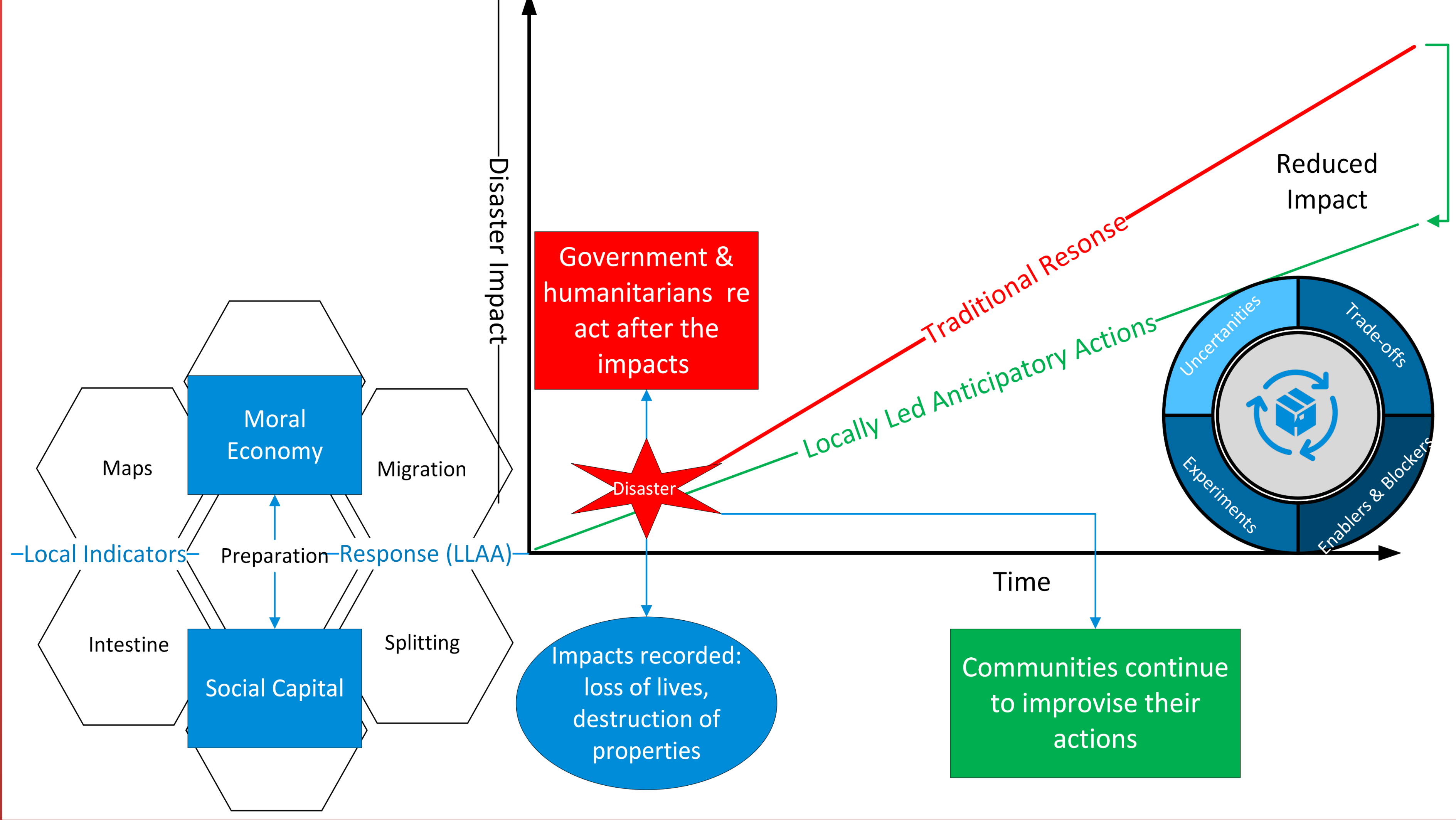


Image showing locally led anticipatory actions by local actors (George Tsitati)

Assessing locally-led anticipatory action (LLAA) options to counter climate-induced humanitarian crises in East Africa

Key Messages

- Top-down disaster management in East Africa lacks local context, causing a disconnect between humanitarian efforts and community efforts.
- Locally led anticipatory actions have proven to be remarkably effective in improving livelihoods, saving lives, and building resilience.
- There remains a scarcity of documented evidence and lessons regarding how, why, when, and what strategies local communities employ to anticipate, prepare for, and respond to these crises.

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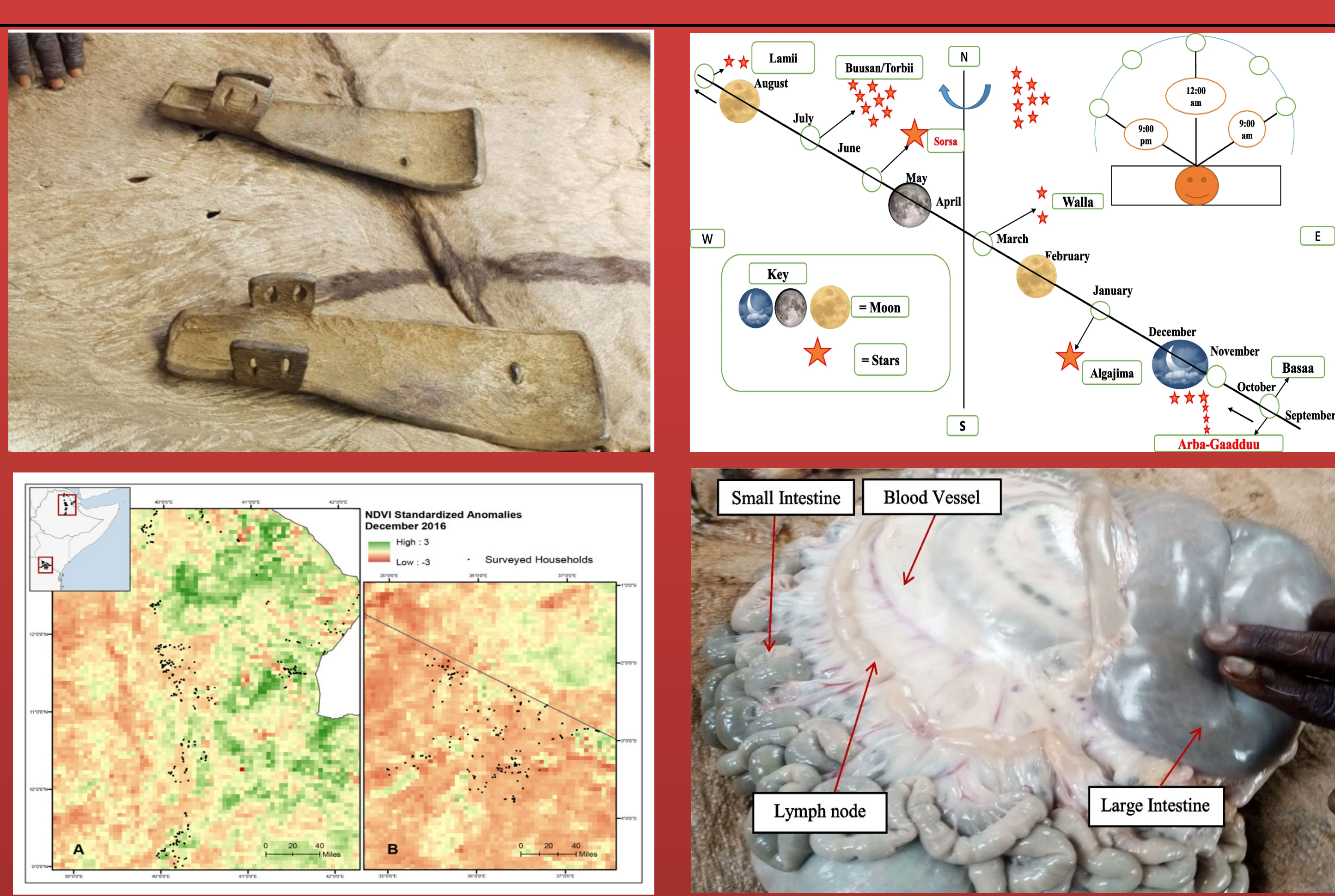


Image showing local indicators to predict climate shocks and stresses. Source: (Guye et al., 2022; Wesonga et al., 2023; Machado et al., 2020)

Insights

- Local actors are the **first to respond** to climate shocks and stresses
- One **One-size-fits-all** early actions might be ineffective in some contexts, thus an **intersectional perspective** for vulnerability assessment and targeting is imperative.
- AA should not sit as a **standalone approach** but should complement longer-term development plans such as climate change adaptation and disaster risk reductions to build resilience.

Partners



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